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### If I Were in Charge of the World

By Judith Viorst

If I were in charge of the world  
I'd cancel oatmeal,  
Monday mornings,  
Allergy shots, and also  
Sara Steinberg.

If I were in charge of the world  
There'd be brighter night lights,  
Healthier hamsters, and  
Basketball baskets forty-eight inches lower.

If I were in charge of the world  
You wouldn't have lonely.  
You wouldn't have clean.  
You wouldn't have bedtimes.  
Or "Don't punch your sister."  
You wouldn't even have sisters.

If I were in charge of the world  
A chocolate sundae with whipped cream  
and nuts would be a vegetable.  
All 007 movies would be G.  
And a person who sometimes forgot to brush.  
And sometimes forgot to flush,  
Would still be allowed to be  
In charge of the world.

**Rewrite this poem. Use the original poem as your template and insert your ideas. Even if you agree with the ideas that the author used, you must have all original ideas in your poem.**

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I'd cancel \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and also  
\_\_\_\_\_.

If I were in charge of the world  
There'd be \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

If I were in charge of the world  
You wouldn't have \_\_\_\_\_.  
You wouldn't have \_\_\_\_\_.  
You wouldn't have \_\_\_\_\_.  
Or "\_\_\_\_\_."  
You wouldn't even have \_\_\_\_\_.

If I were in charge of the world  
A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ would be a vegetable.  
All \_\_\_\_\_ would be \_\_\_\_\_.  
And a person who sometimes forgot \_\_\_\_\_.  
Would still be allowed to be  
In charge of the world.

Draw a picture of how the world would be different if YOU were in charge.